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As arranged with Mr. Panuch, I saw Mr. Gross, Deputy to Mr. Hillaring, this morning. I explained the nature of the immigration problem pointing out that it was most desirable to expand the military custody program ~~and~~ to bring as many in as possible. This would have the effect also of making it feasible to coordinate with the British. Mr. Gross expressed agreement with my ideas and said the plan seemed reasonable. With respect to the directive, he raised the question of whether we should not make it all-inclusive by covering Commerce and even the individual immigration program as well. (I pointed out the lack of coordination of the latter two ideas.) He said that if the Presidential directive came up to him he would certainly want to send it back to cover the other aspects. He also emphasized that he wanted the German-Austrian Secretariat to be concerned with the major coordination. I told him that the directive would be cleared first within Mr. Russell's organization, and that Mr. Braden had requested me to clear with him. I gave him a copy of the denial program, the basic requirements for immigration and the coordination question. He said he would give those to Ben O'Sullivan of his staff, whom he was designating to work with me.

In the course of the conversation Gross touched on the lack of policy directives in the Office of Controls. He said that Mrs. Shipley had been somewhat unwilling to be governed by policy on passports for American businessmen going to Germany, but that she had finally been overcome. Gross saw the present situation as the reverse of the same problem calling for a similar solution. The subject came up when I pointed out that I had suggested to Mr. Panuch that some coordination of policy was essential with respect to the entire visa program in this field.

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